



## American Recovery and Reinvestment Act 2009

### Project Description:

Project No. 14-157

Replacement of Amtrak Bridge over Route 1, including resurfacing and widening of Route 1 in the vicinity of Branhaven Plaza to the I-95/Route 1 Branford Connector



### Why it matters

- The Project is located along a heavily traveled (27,700 ADT) section of Route 1 in Branford.
- Its proximity to I-95 makes it an alternate route in the case of an emergency situation on I-95. The Project is an area that consists of a built-up retail strip comprised of small to large businesses.
- Route 1 is within the Project limits that consist of two southbound and two northbound travel lanes. It narrows to two lanes under the Amtrak Bridge creating a “bottleneck” resulting in traffic delays.
- When completed, the Project will improve commuter time thereby reducing travel costs for commuters and businesses in the region.
- The new bridge will replace the turn-of-the-century Amtrak Bridge.

### Solid Investment

- The Project creates general construction jobs for an extended period of time.
- It builds on Other Investments ConnDOT is making in other projects along the I-95 Corridor, such as the current Q-Bridge projects.
- Branford and the region have supported this improvement because it improves the existing traffic flows, improves safety, and removes a bottleneck that has limited development potential.
- American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 funds allow the Project to proceed.

### Notable Project Facts

- This project is shovel ready.
- Approximately one mile of electrified railroad along the Amtrak Northeast Corridor will be reconstructed and improved to be in conformance with Amtrak's updated guidelines.